

REMARKS

The above amendments and these remarks are responsive to the restriction requirement on the above-identified patent application dated December 13, 2004. Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. In the restriction requirement, the Examiner restricted the above-identified patent application, requesting election of one of two groups of claims for prosecution under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In response, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, **Invention I** (claims 1-14) for prosecution in this application. Applicants have canceled the remaining, nonelected claims, 15-30, reserving their right to pursue these claims, with or without amendment, in a related application.

Applicants believe that this communication is fully responsive to the restriction requirement. However, if there are any remaining matters, or if it would otherwise advance prosecution of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (503) 224-6655.

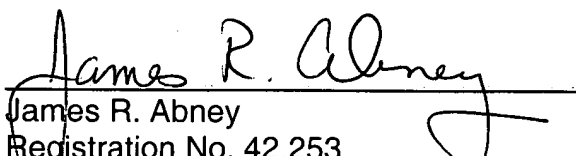
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